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MAN SENTENCED FOR FRAUDULENT USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono announced that **JOHN COAKLEY, JR.**, of 3 Independence Drive, Salem NH, was sentenced this afternoon to a one-year term of probation and a \$250 fine for Fraudulent Use of a Social Security Number. **COAKLEY** pleaded guilty in April to one charge of Fraudulent Use of a Social Security Number in U.S. District Court in Concord.

The indictment to which **COAKLEY** pleaded guilty charges that he, with intent to evade responsibility for and conceal the record of his past motor vehicle and criminal convictions, falsely claimed that a Social Security Number was his when he knew that it was in fact not his. As part of the plea, **COAKLEY** admitted that the offense occurred on or about September 30, 2003, during an interview with the Salem, New Hampshire Police Department, when it came to light that the fraudulent Social Security Number was on a fraudulent Massachusetts drivers' license which **COAKLEY** had recently renewed.

The charges and conviction of **COAKLEY** resulted from **COAKLEY**'s activities being brought to the attention of an Identity Theft and Fraud Working Group organized in the U.S. Attorney's office which brings together both federal and state law enforcement agencies to combat identity theft and fraud. A coordinated investigation by agents of the Salem Police Department, the New Hampshire Marine Patrol, New Hampshire Highway Patrol and Enforcement Bureau, and the United States Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, resulted in **COAKLEY**'s conviction.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono highly commended all agencies involved, stating, "The vigilance of the Salem Police Department personnel who first detected the fraud, followed by the swift cooperation and hard work of state and federal law enforcement agencies involved, stands as a fine example of law enforcement work at its best. This should serve as a warning to anyone contemplating identity fraud that they will be detected, apprehended, and prosecuted."

COAKLEY was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Steven J. McAuliffe. Assistant U. S. Attorney Alfred Rubega prosecuted this case.